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"YOU'VE ***ALL*** SEEN IT WITH YOUR OWN TWO EYES! BUT THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA IS ***DISTORTING*** THE FACTS SURROUNDING THIS DESPICABLE DISPLAY OF ***COLD-BLOODED MURDER!***

WE'VE BEEN COVERING THE LATEST FALLOUT FROM THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ANDREW RAWLINS, WHO WAS SHOT DEAD DURING A CAMPAIGN RALLY LAST WEEK IN FRONT OF HUNDREDS OF SUPPORTERS WHO WERE ***SHOCKED*** BY WHAT THEY SAW!

"WHILE SIX OF THE TERRORISTS WERE KILLED AT THE SCENE, THE IDENTITY OF THE GROUP'S LEADER, WHO WAS DRESSED LIKE THE VIGILANTE SPAWN, SO FAR REMAINS A MYSTERY.

"AND THE GOVERNMENT IS AVOIDING GIVING US ANY REAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS ATTACK! PERHAPS THEY HAD A HAND IT ***THEMSELVES***, IT'S WHAT THE DEEP STATE DOES!!

BUT WE'VE UNCOVERED ***OUR OWN*** INFORMATION...!"

"WE CAN EXCLUSIVELY REVEAL THAT THE LEAD TERRORIST WAS A 28-YEAR OLD COLLEGE DROPOUT NAMED ELLIOT COOPER. ONE OF COOPER'S NEIGHBORS DESCRIBED HIM AS AN ISOLATED INDIVIDUAL WHO'D BECOME OBSESSED WITH AL SIMMONS' FANATICAL CLAIMS THE PAST FEW MONTHS.
"UNFORTUNATELY, HE'S NOT THE ONLY ONE BEING PULLED INTO SIMMONS' DELUSIONS.
"EVERY DAY, IT FEELS LIKE THERE'S MORE AND MORE OF THESE ACOLYTES POPPING UP.
"THOUGH ONE GOOD THING HAS EMERGED OUT OF THIS, IT'S THAT POLICE ARE *FINALLY* CRACKING DOWN ON SOME OF THESE GODDAMN SPAWN MARCHES!
"*AND!*... LET'S NOT FORGET ABOUT AL SIMMONS *HIMSELF!*... THE LEADER OF THE 21st CENTURY MANSON FAMILY!
EVIDEN
DON'T MOVE!
"COWARD'S PROBABLY LOCKED HIMSELF AWAY, PLANNING HIS *NEXT* ATTACK!"

GOT YOU NOW, MOTHER-F**KER.
"THE LAST SIGHTING OF SIMMONS WAS IN WASHINGTON D.C., TWO WEEKS AGO, WHERE EYE-WITNESSES SAYS HE WAS DEFENDING A CROWD FROM A SHOOTER.*
*See King Spawn #2 – Thomas
"DEFENDING?!? ARE THOSE PEOPLE BLIND? HE WAS PROBABLY INSTIGATING IT! I DON'T THINK HE COULD DEFEND ANYTHING!"

"TAKE A LOOK AT THE FOOTAGE. IT WAS PATRIOTS SAVING OTHERS FROM SIMMONS THAT DAY!
"PATRIOTS, PROUD TO STAND AGAINST HIS TYRANNY!
"SIMMONS AND HIS CRONIES, THEY'RE TERRORIST SCUM! WE SHOULD DEAL WITH THEM THE WAY OUR BOYS IN BLUE DEALT WITH THAT ANIMAL WHO MURDERED SENATOR RAWLINS!
"IT WAS A PRETTY EASY TAKEDOWN."

I DON'T CARE WHO YOU HAVE TO CONTACT--I WANT AN AUDIENCE WITH THE ALMIGHTY.
I DO NOT BELIEVE IT WAS GOD'S INTENTION FOR ME TO HIDE IN THIS PLACE LIKE SOME COWARD.
IF YOU CAN'T DO THAT, I'LL GO HUNTING ON MY OWN.
I UNDERSTAND YOUR FRUSTRATION BUT WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER. WE'VE ALL BEEN LOCKED AWAY FROM HEAVEN.
AND REMEMBER, FORSAKEN, YOU STILL HAVE MUCH TO ATONE FOR IN GOD'S EYES.
SO... YOU'VE FALLEN FOR THE LIES, TOO?
I HAVE SACRIFICED MORE IN SERVICE OF HEAVEN THAN ANY-ONE YOU KNOW, CORDELIA.
FOR THAT DEVOTION, I'M SEEKING MY REWARD!

COMPLETE THE MISSION YOU WERE SENT HERE TO DO.
THEN EARN IT!
PASS THIS TEST.
GOD CALLED YOU TO FULFILL A PURPOSE. DO THAT, AND HE'LL CONSIDER REWARDING YOU. IF YOU CAN'T, OTHERS WILL GLADLY FOLLOW GOD'S ORDERS.
I PROMISE TO DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO HELP YOU, BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO WISHES TO RETURN HOME.
BUT TO DO THAT, YOU'LL HAVE TO TRUST ME. AND FOR NOW, THAT MEANS KEEPING YOURSELF HIDDEN.
I PROMISE IT WON'T BE FOR MUCH LONGER.
YOUR EXILE IS ALMOST AT AN END.

YOUR INTEL, YOU'RE SURE IT'S SOLID?
GIVEN THE CURRENT STATE OF THE WORLD, YES. MY CONTACT SPENT YEARS WORKING ON THE FRINGES WITH THIS GROUP. HE'S RELIABLE.
I'M STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHY THEY'RE BEING SO PUBLIC WITH THEIR ACTIONS.
THEY MUST THINK IT SERVES A PURPOSE. LETTING THE PUBLIC SEE SOME OF IT.
IT'S COUNTER TO THEIR PREVIOUS METHODS BUT WE'LL DEAL WITH THAT LATER. RIGHT NOW, I DON'T SEE ANY SIGNS OF WHERE THAT HELLSPAWN'S BODY WAS TAKEN.
ODDS ARE THEY'VE DESTROYED IT BY NOW.
I FOUND THE BULLET CARTRIDGE THEY USED TO KILL HIM. THERE'S SOME SUPERNATURAL RESIDUE ALL OVER IT. I'LL RUN TESTS, SEE IF I CAN CONFIRM ITS ORIGINS.
BEFORE YOU DO, THERE'S SOME THINGS I WANT TO UPDATE YOU ON.
I TAPPED A FEW MORE OF MY NETWORKS AND IT LOOKS LIKE THE I.D.'s A FAKE. IT WAS LIFTED FROM SOME KID WHO DIED A FEW DAYS AGO.
OF COURSE.
LET ME KNOW IF ANYTHING ELSE COMES UP. OH, AND TERRY-- NICE WORK.

THANKS.
I'VE BEEN LOOKING OVER YOUR SYSTEM'S DATA INPUTS, THINK I'VE FOUND SOMETHING. MAYBE SOMETHING BIG.
EVER SINCE THE OTHER SPAWNS STARTED SHOWING UP, THERE'S BEEN A HUGE SPIKE, ACROSS THE PLANET, IN THE NUMBER OF NECROPLASM READINGS.
BUT BECAUSE THERE WERE SO MANY, I DIDN'T NOTICE INITIALLY THAT SOME OF THEM HAVE RECENTLY *DISAPPEARED.*
HOW MANY?
SO FAR, I'VE IDENTIFIED 23.
SOME ARE SPAWNS YOU'VE FOUGHT, LIKE OMEGA, BUT MOST OF THEM... THEY DON'T FIT ANY SET PATTERN.
AND THAT SPAWN WHO ASSASSINATED RAWLINS, IT'S LIKE HE JUST APPEARED OUT OF NOWHERE... BUT THE DATA SHOWS HE ARRIVED IN THIS ERA AT THE SAME TIME AS THE OTHERS.
HIS SIGNAL WENT DEAD NEARLY TWO MONTHS AGO AND ONLY REAPPEARED A FEW MINUTES BEFORE THE ATTACK.

THINK HE FOUND A WAY TO CLOAK HIMSELF?
MAYBE. OR SOMEONE DID IT FOR HIM.
IT'S ALMOST LIKE...
LIKE WHAT?
LIKE SOMEONE'S TRYING TO COLLECT HELLSPAWNS. LOOK AT THIS.
MOST SIGNALS GO DEAD IN FAIRLY REMOTE AREAS SO THERE'S NOT A LOT OF CAMERAS WE CAN USE, BUT I MANAGED TO FIND THIS.
ANY IDEA WHO THAT MIGHT BE?
NO.
BUT I KNOW SOMEONE WHO WILL.

"PROBLEM IS, HE DOESN'T LIKE ME VERY MUCH."
JIM?
YO, JIM! WHAT'S UP? YOU MEDITATING OR SOMETHING?
I...
SORRY, MARC, JUST GOT DISTRACTED THINKING ABOUT SOMETHING.
ANYTHING I CAN HELP WITH?
NO. NOT RIGHT NOW AT LEAST.
SO, THIS BOX-- WHERE YOU WANT ME TO PUT IT, WITH THE REST OF YOUR STUFF?
YEAH, THAT'S FINE. I SHOULD BE HELPING YOU MORE, THOUGH.
DON'T WORRY. IT'S KIND OF NICE DOING SOMETHING 'NORMAL' FOR A CHANGE. FEELS GOOD.

THANKS, BY THE WAY-- DON'T KNOW IF I SAID IT BEFORE, BUT IT MEANS A LOT THAT YOU'RE BACKING ME ON THIS. I'M SURE AL DIDN'T TAKE THAT LIGHTLY.
HE DOESN'T KNOW.
AND TO BE CLEAR, I NEVER SAID I WAS, NOT COMPLETELY. NOT SURE HOW I FEEL ABOUT THIS, TO BE HONEST.
BUT AT LEAST I DON'T FEEL LIKE A PRISONER, THE WAY AL TREATED ME.
EITHER WAY, IT'S NICE HANGING WITH YOU AGAIN.
ANYTHING USEFUL IN THESE BOXES?
HOPEFULLY. I GRABBED AS MUCH STUFF AS I COULD AFTER MY COMA.
DIDN'T THINK I'D BE SOME-ONE'S TARGET WHEN I CAME OUT OF IT.
MAKES YOU FEEL ANY BETTER, I'VE BEEN DEALING WITH SOME WEIRD SHIT TOO.
?
ALERT ALERT ALERT

A WARNING SYSTEM I SET UP. IT TRACKS HUMAN-HYBRIDS AND CELESTIALS WHEN IT CAN, TRYING TO DETERMINE IF THEY'RE POTENTIAL RECRUITS.
RECRUITS FOR WHAT?
FOR REINFORCEMENT. YOU DIDN'T THINK WE WERE GOING TO TAKE DOWN AL BY OURSELVES, DID YOU? SO, I'VE BEEN TRACKING A FEW, WHOSE POWER OUTPUT MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP US. IF I CAN DETERMINE IF THEY'RE ON OUR SIDE OR NOT.
AND EXACTLY WHOSE SIDE IS THAT?
THE SAME SIDE AS WHEN WE FIRST MET.*
LOOK, I'LL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING WHEN I GET BACK, BUT I NEED TO GET MOVING IF I'M GOING TO CATCH THEM.
*Issue 185 - Thomas
THERE'S ONE THAT'S BEEN HARD TO DECIPHER WHAT IT IS.
I'LL BE BACK!
MARC WONDERS WHAT HE'S GOTTEN HIMSELF INTO, AGAIN.

YOU OVERPLAYED OUR HAND, CORDELIA, NOW WE'LL HAVE TO DEAL WITH THOSE CONSEQUENCES.
I DID WHAT NEEDED TO BE DONE! AND MY OPERATION ACCOMPLISHED EXACTLY WHAT IT WAS MEANT TO DO. TO PUT FEAR AND DOUBT INTO SPAWN'S LITTLE PROTEST MOVE-MENT.
I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT HIS WANNABE FOLLOWERS. YOU SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON SPAWN, NOT THEM.
I AM! WHAT HAPPENED-- WHAT THE MEDIA CAN'T STOP TALKING ABOUT--SIMMONS *ISN'T* GOING TO IGNORE THAT. HE'LL COME LOOKING FOR US. THAT'S WHAT WE WANT.
YOU KNOW HOW MANY FACTIONS ARE LOOKING FOR HIM RIGHT NOW? *DOZENS!*
I LIT A FUSE THAT'LL LEAD HIM RIGHT TO US.
WHAT ABOUT FORSAKEN?
I'M SICK OF HIS *WHINING!...*
...WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A WAR, EVERY-ONE'S NOT GOING TO GET WHAT THEY WANT! HALF OF US WON'T EVEN MAKE IT OUT ALIVE! BUT AT LEAST I'M DOING SOME-THING ABOUT IT!
SO, TELL YOUR BOSSES THAT FORSAKEN IS UNDER CONTROL.
RESPECTFULLY, CORDELIA, HE ISN'T. HE NEVER HAS BEEN.

"AND WHAT SCARES ME THE MOST, IS HE'S A PSYCHOPATH WITH THE POWER TO LEVEL CITIES.
"WHAT DO YOU THINK HAPPENS, CORDELIA, IF HE LEARNS WE'VE BEEN *LYING* TO HIM THIS ENTIRE TIME?
"I DON'T WANT TO BE ANYWHERE NEAR HIM WHEN HE FINDS OUT GOD'S *NEVER* TAKING HIM BACK AND NEVER FORGIVING HIM! WE SHOULD HAVE DESTROYED HIM WHEN WE HAD THE CHANCE."
"YOU WORRY TOO MUCH. JUST STICK TO THE PLAN, HE'S NOT GOING TO FIND OUT. I PROMISE."

1200 MILES AWAY THE OUTSKIRTS OF RIGA LATVIA
YOU BETRAYED US! THIS IS YOUR FAULT NOT OURS!
WE STOOD BY, WAITING, WONDERING WHERE YOU'D GONE TO! WHY YOU ABANDONED US!
WE GAVE YOU EVERY OPPORTUNITY-- HOPING YOU'D CHANGED THEIR WAYS! IT'S CLEAR NOW, THAT'LL NEVER HAPPEN! THEIR SOULS CAN'T BE ALTERED, THERE'S TOO MUCH ROT BURIED INSIDE HUMANS. NOW, THERE'S ONLY ONE CHOICE LEFT; ERASE THIS WORLD AGAIN AND START OVER!
THE "CLEANSING," IT'S ALREADY BEGUN, AND NOTHING WILL STOP IT FROM COMING!
MAYBE...

FOOM
BUT YOU WON'T BE HERE TO SEE IT!
BEFORE REDEEMER HAS A CHANCE TO REVEL IN HIS VICTORY...
HE SENSES SOMETHING IN THE SHADOWS
VERY IMPRESSIVE.
SPAWN?
WHO IS THAT?
SOMEONE FROM MY PAST. WHAT DO YOU WANT?
INFO. THE KIND YOU'D KNOW.
WHEN DID HEAVEN START CREATING REDEEMERS?

I'M SERIOUS, NATE, I TRIED EVERY DATING APP THERE IS, THERE'S JUST NOTH.NG OUT THERE.
ONE APP ACTUALLY SENT ME AN APOLOGY BECAUSE I'D RUN OUT OF OPTIONS.
BOBBY, YOU'RE GETTING GOOFY NOW.
I'M TOTALLY SERIOUS, MAN. IT SAID, AND I QUOTE:
"WE'RE VERY SORRY, MR. HAYES, BUT YOU'RE GOING TO DIE ALONE. YOU HAVE FAILED TO MATCH WITH EVERY SINGLE WOMAN IN THE UNITED STATES."
UKK
SO, I'VE JUST DECIDED TO EMBRACE IT.
I'M GOING TO GET A CABIN IN THE WOODS AND RETIRE TO A LIFE OF SOLITUDE--
SHIT, MAN, YOU OKAY?
BOBBY... SOMETHING'S WRONG...
GHKAAHH

JESUS, NATE! WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!
I'M NOT NATE.
SHIT, YOU'RE THAT GUY WHO KILLED THE SENATOR!
DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE--
WAIT, WHO'S THAT GUY?
FASCINATING. I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF A SPAWN WAS KILLED WHILE THE DEAD ZONES WERE CLOSED.
EVEN WITH THE BODY DEAD, IT SEEMS THE SPIRIT CAN LATCH ONTO A NEW HOST.

AND YOU ARE?
FORGIVE ME. I SOMETIMES FORGET HOW I'VE PORTRAYED MYSELF TO EACH OF YOU HELLSPAWN.
CHOK
THOUGH WHY BOTHER WITH REINTRODUCTIONS WHEN YOU'VE SO LITTLE TIME LEFT?
JUST KNOW THAT YOU HAVE MY THANKS FOR THE SACRIFICE YOU'RE ABOUT TO MAKE.
I HOPE IT GIVES YOU SOME COMFORT.

BECAUSE YOUR NAME WILL LIVE FOREVER, ALONGSIDE ALL THOSE WHO HELPED PUT SINN ON THE THRONE OF HELL!
TO BE CONTINUED.

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SPAWNING GROUND

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MARCH MAILBAG

Any chance would Todd consider doing a John carpenter the thing homage Spawn cover in the near future? Think that would be so cool n sell like crazy n can he consider bringing in the Lotus character from way back to the fold. Be pretty neat, thx so much n take care.

-JESS

Thanks for the question, Jess. Homage covers are a tricky thing. Some people love them, and some hate them. Personally, I dig them. Just look at last month's Haunt/Spidey #1 homage. That thing looked awesome. So maybe we can look into doing something creepy for Halloween. Now LOTUS is a deep cut; you must be an old-school fan. All I can say is that with the expansion of Spawn's Universe, you never know who might show up.

-Thomas

Hi,

I'm a big fan of spawn, back when he came out on cartoon and movies. I wanted to reach out and say good job on the art and writing. I love the lore and action. As a horrific survivor, it makes me feel better about myself. So thank you, keep up the good work

Till then Tru believers

Sincerely,

Michael Peace

Michael, thank you very much for the letter and the kind words. We have some incredible talent working on the books now, and we are thrilled to hear that you're enjoying them. Stay strong and be safe, my friend.

-Thomas

Hola a todos los que forman parte de los comics, juguetes y todo lo relacionado a Spawn y su universo, tengo una duda, como se conocieron Nyx y Priest, en que comic ocurrió? Y otra pregunta mas si me lo permiten, porque si Priest fue quien mato a Al Simmons por ordenes de Jason Wynn ahora resulta que cooperan entre si, no debería haber un conflicto ENORME, ahí, porque son aliados?

Ojala Todd Mcfarlane o cualquiera del grupo pudiera responder a estas preguntas que solo son una pequeñísima parte de mis dudas, que en otro correo-e preguntare, mientras tanto, mil gracias por leerme.

Sin más por el momento me despido y quedo en espera de su respuesta.

Desde Querétaro, Querétaro, México, con amor.

-Adrián

Hola, Adrián. Gracias por las preguntas. Se demostró que Jessica y Nyx habían estado trabajando juntas en Spawn #298. Habían estado lidiando con las consecuencias de la revelación de Al al mundo. Ahora, en cuanto a que Jessica fue quien disparó y mató a Al Simmons, Al aún no lo sabe. Pero estoy seguro de que será una conversación incómoda entre los dos cuando finalmente la tengan.

-Thomas

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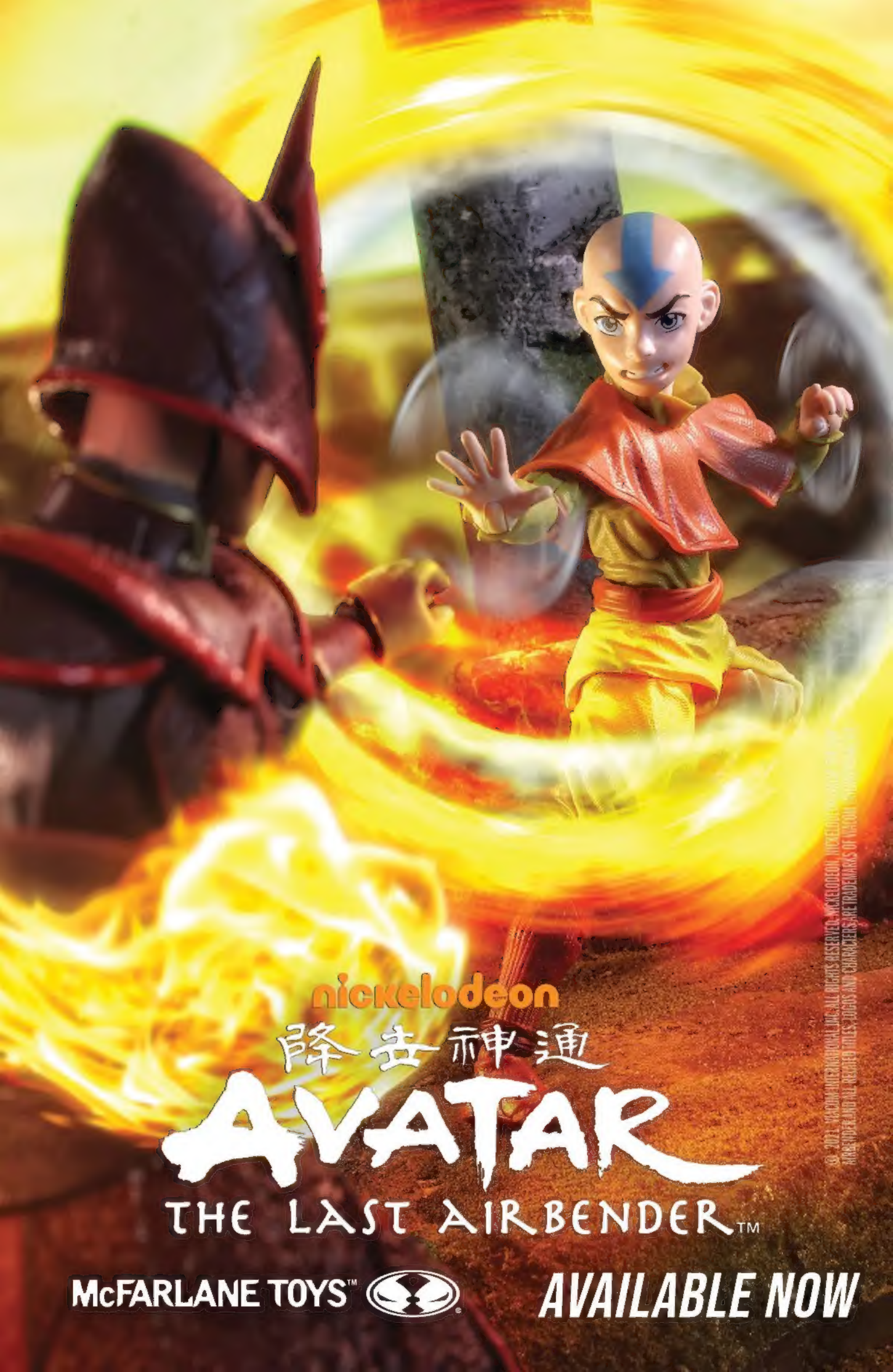
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